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Those from Jefferson County are:

Grantville—Daniel Benedict, son of Dennis and Donna Benedict, bachelor's in communication studies and minor in sociology; Jane Shirley, master's in education.

Oskaloosa—Aaron Landis, son of Armin and Nancy Landis, bachelor's in American studies and journalism.

Ozawkie—Colin Painter, son of Steven Painter, bachelor's in atmospheric science; Adam Van Horn, son of Keith Van Horn, bachelor's in computer science.

Valley Falls—Paul Johnson, son of Chuck and Janine Johnson, bachelor's in business, marketing.

Lawrence—Melia Clark, bachelor's in American studies and Spanish, Oskaloosa High School grad.

Topeka—Cristina Johnson, bachelor's in communication studies and sociology minor, Oskaloosa High School grad.
White to graduate

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Among those who will be recognized at May’s commencement is Stephanie Lynn White, daughter of David and Kathy White. Educ-SpecEDuc-MSE Graduate Master of Science in Education Greensburg High School Greensburg KS.

White will be recognized as graduating in May because of the university holding one annual commencement event every year at that time.
Sheriff Ridley earns national certification

Michael Thornburg  
The Jetmore Republican

Sheriff Ron Ridley was one of 101 leaders to graduate last month from the Certified Public Manager’s program offered by the Public Management Center at the University of Kansas. The yearlong program is a nationally accredited comprehensive management development program for managers in federal, state, and local government. The program focuses on subjects such as diversity in the workplace, process improvement, project management, personnel development and budgeting.

This year’s class, which was divided up into four groups, included senior level managers from many state agencies, county governments, and municipalities from across the state. "The diversity of experience was impressive, in my group there were two city administrators, an assistant city manager, and senior level managers from the Kansas Department of Transportation, Department of Revenue, Department of Labor, the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks and Social Rehabilitation Services," Ridley stated. "Even though I hold a Master’s in Criminal Justice Administration, this program offered me an incredible opportunity to further enhance my management skills by networking with other disciplines to address common management problems."

The University of Kansas has consistently been ranked as having one of the top programs in Public Administration for more than 20 years, and KU’s graduate program is currently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as the #1 program in the United States in the areas of City Management & Urban Policy. Completion of the CPM program, which is offered through the KU Public Management Center in Topeka, carries with it a national certification as a Certified Public Manager. Sheriff Ridley and Sheriff Ken McGovern of Douglas County are the only two Kansas sheriffs to have ever earned this prestigious designation.
Crisis a chance for Kansas to make some lemonade

"You never want a serious crisis to go to waste. This crisis provides the opportunity for us to do things that you could not do before." —Rahm Emanuel

This recent statement by Rahm Emanuel, President-elect Barack Obama’s chief of staff designate, may seem a bit cavalier, arrogant, or even an indication that current conditions provide Obama the opportunity to impose long-lasting policies he never could dream of achieving in good times. However, other government officials at all levels probably understand what Emanuel was getting at.

In fact, that philosophy may come in handy during the upcoming session of the Kansas Legislature.

The current financial crisis facing the state and nation may give lawmakers an opportunity to think creatively and look at ways to streamline government operations. Some of that streamlining may involve stepping on some toes, but it also may result in some long-overdue action to reduce government bureaucracy and improve efficiency.

For instance, in a column earlier in December, Kansas University law professor Mike Hoefflich discussed ways that legislators and the Kansas Board of Regents might consider trimming the state’s higher education costs. Hoefflich’s primary idea was for the state to carefully examine duplication of programs at its university campuses. Rather than cut all programs equally, he suggested, it might be better to eliminate the weakest programs and preserve the budgets of the strongest ones.

Of course, this would be a politically difficult proposition. No campus wants to lose programs. People in authority — regents or lawmakers — would have to make the best decisions they could and force universities to accept them.

Another example arose later in December. In light of the state’s current financial situation, there are plans to revive a proposal to merge two small agencies the State Conservation Commission and the Animal Health Department into the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Legislative auditors estimate the move would save the state about $710,000 a year, or $3.5 million over five years.

The state’s secretary of agriculture and at least some legislators think the merger could be a good idea. Predictably, the heads of the two agencies do not. The idea, they say, needs more study.

In prosperous times, it’s easy for the state to put off tough decisions about such issues as university duplication or bloated bureaucracy. Facing a $141 million deficit for this year and as much as $1 billion next year gives legislators a certain amount of cover for decisions that might be politically impossible in better financial times.

That’s where the opportunity comes in. The state is in dire financial straits but there may be an opportunity to make those lemons into lemonade.

—Lawrence Journal-World
College News

KU awards scholarships

KU awarded $29.6 million in scholarship support to students for 2008-09. Derby students included: Rebecca Leigh Alumbaugh, daughter of Mary Annette Haga, senior respiratory care major, Allied Health Student Assistance; Collin Thomas Ayer, son of Catherine Ayer and Brady Ayer, freshman pre-business major, A. Jarvis Scholarship, KU Marching Band Scholarship.

Eric M. Beahan, son of Amy Beahan, senior saxophone major, Louis Graf Broeker Music Scholarship; Jellison Weary Scholarship; Bruce Allan Bowser, medical major, School of Medicine Scholarship; Eric Prasith Chau, medical major, KUMC Bookstore Scholarship-Medical Students.

Michael Oswaldo Chavez, son of Guadalupe Chavez and Andrew and Lupe Chavez, junior biochemistry major, Frederic B. Parkes Memorial Scholarship; Sarah Elizabeth Christians, daughter of Joyce and John Christians, sophomore biology major, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship.

Tarin Leigh Clay, daughter of David and Alicia Clay, freshman pre-pharmacy major, John Swede Carlson Sigma Chi Endowed Scholarship; Joseph Floyd Day, son of Geralyn Henderson, junior chemical engineering major, James Schull Combs and Catherine C. Combs Memorial Scholarship, Frank Burge Scholarship, N.T. Veatch Scholarship, Warner Ferguson University Service Scholarship.

James Daniel Dixon, son of David and Gannett Dixon, sophomore pre-business major, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship; Megan Nicole Gerwick, daughter of Frank and Deborah Gerwick, junior English major, Frank G. Crowell Scholarship.

Gregory Philip Gherardini, medical major, H.E. Haskins Medical Scholarship, School of Medicine Scholarships; Zachary D. Groedyk, son of David and Kathleen Groedyk, senior French major, Chancellor’s Club Scholarship, Howard Reed Sailors, Thelma Sophia Ally Sailors Scholarship.

Melissa Lynne Hill, daughter of Michele and Ed Hill, freshman music therapy major, Allen Memorial Scholarship, KU Marching Band Scholarship, Harley S. Nelson Family Scholarship in the Arts; Aaron Scott King, son of John and Jean King, junior chemical engineering major, Orlin A. Weede Scholarship, FLOYD & RUTH FAASNACHT MEMORIAL CHEMICAL ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP, William B. Anderson Memorial Scholarship.

Dantes Exador Louis, son of Eva and Robson Louis, junior biochemistry major, Black Alumni Scholarship; Kelsey Marie Moffat, daughter of Larry and Jeanne Moffat, senior health information

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management major, Health Information Management Scholarship.

Phillip Michael Morris, son of Malynda Perkins, freshman chemical engineering major, Paul and Virginia Bassett Miller Engineering Scholarship, James Schlull Combs and Catherine C. Combs Memorial Scholarship, Clyde A. Babb Scholarship; Kathleen Lynn Mosack, senior supply chain management major, Accounting and Information Systems Scholarship.

Natasha L. Parman, daughter of Craig and Dena Parman, senior sport science major, Joan Pelton Haver Scholarship in Education; Tamera Michelle Parman, daughter of Dena Parman, juris doctor major, Kansas Law Scholarship; Grace S. Sha, daughter of Lihua and Jilun Wang, junior pre-business major, University of Kansas Memorial Corp. SUA Academic Support Scholarship.

Kayla Renee Slovak, daughter of Doug Slovak, junior music education major, Harley S. Nelson Family Scholarship in the Arts, Junior Band Scholarship; Gavin J. Snider, son of Timothy and Rita Snider, senior architecture major, Curtis Besinger Scholarship; Kevan W. Stout, son of Wayne and Debbie Stout, sophomore pre-sport science/community health major, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship.

Danielle Dee Stuhlsatz, daughter of Davina and Robert Stuhlsatz, freshman molecular biosciences major, Osee Hughes Dewey Scholarship; Jennifer Lynne Torline, daughter of Lori and John Torline, senior news and information major, Roger N. Wooldridge Journalism Scholarship.

Margaret Ann Tran, daughter of Chinh and Lan Tran, junior environmental studies major, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship, Katherine C. Giele Scholarship, Kansas Athletics University Undergraduate Scholarship; Cameron Reid Walker, son of Alan and Susan Walker, sophomore accounting major, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship.
Area students getting KU degrees

Four Coffeyville students and an Independence student are among candidates for degrees for the fall 2008 semester at the University of Kansas.

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Kelley Gorman of Independence qualified for a bachelor of arts degree in applied behavioral science.

From Coffeyville, Mark Bowman qualified for a bachelor of general studies, majoring in English, and John DeVore qualified for a bachelor of arts in theater and film and a bachelor of science in journalism. Christopher DelaCruz qualified for a bachelor of general studies, majoring in African and African-American studies, and Jeffrey Stevenson qualified for a bachelor of science in education with a minor in business.

Sedan student Mariza McCann, a graduate of Bartlesville (Okla.) High School, qualified for a master of business administration and a juris doctorate. Will Clausen of Fredonia qualified for a bachelor of science in computer science with a minor in mathematics.
Students receive KU scholarships

Times News Report
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More than 6,500 students at the University of Kansas will receive an estimated $29.6 million in privately funded scholarship support during the 2008-09 academic year. This represents a $1.9 million increase over the 2007-08 academic year, in which KU students received $27.7 million in scholarships, fellowships and awards.

Among those receiving scholarships were:

From Leon: Andrea Paddock, junior majoring in biochemistry, daughter of Nita Paddock, Myrl Houck Scholarship and Mary A. Grant Scholarship for Women, and Lindsay Yankey, senior majoring in visual art education, daughter of Kivel and Beverly Yankey,DECL Senior Dorris Fair Carey-Myrtle Fair Scholarship.

From Rosalia: Weston Pletcher, sophomore majoring in pre-journalism, son of Kelly and Jeanie Pletcher, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship.

From Benton: Jordan Haney, junior majoring in pre-pharmacy, daughter of Teresa and Richard Haney, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship, and Nolan Williams, Medicine Prof 1, Dr. Warren and Kathryn Roberts Medical Scholarship and C.E. Boudreau Medical Scholarship.

From El Dorado: Hannah Anderson, senior majoring in nursing, John F. & Ella M. Hull Nursing Scholarship; Austin Arnett, junior majoring in electric engineering, son of Mike and Gayle Arnett, Robert H. and Ruth E. Bradford Scholarship, E. F. and Lena Kennedy Huddleston Scholarship, Paul and Virginia Basset Miller - Endowed Scholarship, E. Palmer and Margaret J. Shelton Scholarship in Engineering, Garmin Electrical and Computer Engineering Scholarships;

Rebecca Badwey, senior majoring in math, daughter of Nick and Cindy Badwey, Myrl Houck Scholarship, Dr. Harry Last Memorial Scholarship and Charles Hobbs Scholarship; Kate Bird, junior majoring in accounting, daughter of Francia and Eric Bird, Rosa C. Ise Scholarship; Kristina Burger, junior majoring in nursing, John F. & Ella M. Hull Nursing Scholarship; Lydia Byster, daughter of Greg and Beverly Byster, Juris Doctor Prof 1, Evelyn, Richard and Blanche Thompson Fund; Kevin Coash, a sophomore majoring in pre-law, son of Vicki Coash, Myrl Houck Scholarship and Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship; Michelle Dunson, freshman majoring in pre-journalism, daughter of Susan McCoy, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship; Kellie Fagg, freshman majoring in human biology, daughter of Michael and Debbie Fagg, Otto F. and Edna T. Frederikson Scholarship and Robert H. and Ruth E. Bradford Scholarship; Meredith Good, freshman majoring in pre-medicine, daughter of Kyle and Mary Good, Kerby Memorial and Luelia Cory Scholarship; Jacie Green, senior majoring in community health, daughter of Rodney and Darnell Norris, Joan Pelton Haver Scholarship in Education and Arden A. Andreas Memorial Scholarship; Hannah Hendricks, a junior majoring in pharmacy, daughter of Connie Hendricks, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship; Melissa Keith, freshman majoring in pre-journalism, daughter of Jolene and Cleon Keith, Hazel Allison Scholarship; Chhaya Kolavalli, freshman majoring in anthropology, daughter of Karen Kolavalli, Sarah D. Knox Scholarship, Dr. Harry Last Memorial Scholarship and Targeted Scholarships;

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Charles Miller, Juris Doctor Prof 3, Aldie Haver Memorial Law Scholarship; Laura Nightengale, freshman majoring in biology, daughter of Bradley and Diane Nightengale, Richard Randall Stucky Memorial Scholarship; Ann Poeschel, senior majoring in English, daughter of Steve and Diane Poeschel, Foreign Study Scholarships; Jordyn Porter, sophomore majoring in pre-nursing, daughter of Melannie, Howard Reed Sailors, Thelma Sophia Ally Sailors Scholarship, Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship, Howard Reed Sailors, Thelma Sophia Ally Sailors Scholarship, and Nontraditional Undergraduate Student Scholarship; Katherine Ward, senior majoring in pharmacy, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Ward, Robert H. and Ruth E. Bradford Scholarship; and Leonard Williams, junior majoring in pre-dentistry, son of Leonard and Valarie Williams, Robert H. and Ruth E. Bradford Scholarship.

From Towanda: Daniel Persons, freshman, majoring in professional master of architecture, son of Steven and Pamela Persons, Richard Randall Stucky Memorial Scholarship, and Aimee Roberts, freshman with an undecided major, daughter of Mark and Blythe Roberts, Robert H. and Ruth E. Bradford Scholarship.
KU Announces Fall Graduates

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Students from your area include: Jaclyn Marie Lippeleman, Anthony, daughter of Ralph and Carol Arnet, Educ-Curr & Ins MSE Graduate Master of Science in Education; Alexandra C. Alldritt, Harper, daughter of Richard and Carmen Alldritt American Studies BGS Senior Bachelor of General Studies/American Studies; Heather N. Ardery, Harper, daughter of Bob and Janet Ardery, Accounting BSB Senior Bachelor of Science in Business/Accounting.
Bioscience park is still viable

Although the Kansas Bioscience Park at College Boulevard and Valley Road in Olathe hit a snag with Fort Dodge Animal Health indefinitely delaying its plan to move there, the campus and park will succeed. But not in the originally proposed time frame.

The Johnson County Education and Research Triangle was given a 50-50 chance of success when proposed in 2007. The plan, however, received enough support in the Legislature and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius signed a bill allowing it to go before county voters, which county commissioners approved. Voters passed the one-eighth cent sales tax, with no sunset, by a wide margin last November.

The campus portion of the park, about 38 of the 92-acre park, was a key component of the triangle — Kansas State University already announced it would move to Olathe, establishing the bioscience research campus before the education triangle was formed.

To give the plan its third component, K-State decided to join the effort. The triangle consists of the K-State campus at the park, expanding degree-program offerings at the KU Edwards Campus and a proposed KU Cancer Research Center in north Johnson County.

Becoming a part of the triangle now looks like it was the best move for K-State. It provided the university the funding it needed, in a tough economy, to begin construction of the infrastructure at the campus. Although Fort Dodge has put its plans on hold — a key component of the plan was to entice private business to the Kansas Bioscience Authority portion of the park, the remaining 54 acres — this doesn't mean the project is doomed.

We're used to things moving quickly in Johnson County. In the last 20 years, homes, businesses and shopping centers were built at a record pace. If a project wasn't built within a year, people started to think something was wrong. That was the mentality of most county residents, and heck, the local business community.

The economy is still doing well in this part of the country, just look at the recent purchase of the Great Mall of the Great Plains. The new owners, however, will not recreate the shopping center overnight. Like everyone else, they're being cautious with their money.

The bioscience park plan is still strong and it will attract tenants, but it will take more time than usual. That will be the pace of development for a few years until the economy bounces back.
Local woman named as KU grad

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Mariza Elize McCann, daughter of Maricela McCann of Sedan, received her Juris Doctorate, Prof 3 Master of Business Administration.